

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 5.00 ha. of Forest Land for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in Cheemakurthi RF, Compartment No.370, Ongole Range in Giddalur Division, Prakasam District, in favour of Shri Kandula Rami Reddy, Markapur - Permission accorded - Orders - issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No. 1

Dated:03-01-2011

Read the following:-

1. From PCCF. A.P, Hyderabad, Lr.Rc.No.34284/2004-F2, Dated 24-03-2006.
2. State Government letter No.2476/FOR.I (1)/2006-1, Dated:21-4-2006
3. From GOI, MoEF, Bangalore, Lr.No. 4-APB198/2006-BAN/1209, Dt.13-9-2006.
4. State Government letter No.2476/For.I (1)/2006, Dated: 09-12-2010.
5. From GOI, MoEF,Bangalore, Lr.No. 4-APB198/2006-BAN/8371, Dt.22.12.2010.

ORDER:

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad in his letter 1st read above had submitted a proposal under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 5.00 ha. of Forest Land for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in Cheemakurthi RF, Compartment No.370, Ongole Range in Giddalur Division, Prakasam District, in favour of Shri Kandula Rami Reddy, Markapur and requested to send the same to Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests for their approval under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980.

2. The said proposal has been sent to Government of India for their approval under Forest (C) Act, 1980 vide State Government letter 2nd read above. The Government of India in their letter 3rd read above, have accorded their approval in principal (Stage.I) for the proposal, subject to compliance of certain conditions. The State Government vide letter 4th read above, have furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated by the Government of India.

3. The Government of India in their letter 5th read above, have accorded their approval (Stage.II) under Section-2 of Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for diversion of 5.00 ha. of Forest Land for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in Cheemakurthi RF, Compartment No.370, Ongole Range in Giddalur Division, Prakasam District, in favour of Shri Kandula Rami Reddy, Markapur for a period of 10 years, subject to certain conditions.

4. The Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad for diversion of 5.00 ha. of Forest Land for grant of mining lease for extraction of black granite in Cheemakurthi RF, Compartment No.370, Ongole Range in Giddalur Division, Prakasam District in favour of Shri Kandula Rami Reddy, Markapur for a period of 10 years, subject to the following conditions:

1. The legal status of the forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. The demarcation of the forest area proposed for diversion shall be carried out by erecting cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of user agency.

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3. The Compensatory Afforestation shall be raised over 5.119 ha. identified non-forest land in Sy.Nos.232, 233/1, in Velagalapaya village of Ardhavvedu Mandal, Prakasam District at the cost of user agency. The State Government shall obtain prior permission of Central Government for change of location and schedule of Compensatory Afforestation site if any.
4. Non forest land for Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as P.F./R.F. and Nodal Officer (FCA) shall report the compliance within 6 months.
5. The user agency shall maintain area upto 7.5 meters as safety zone area all along the boundary outside the lease area as per the guidelines issued under Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980. The State Government shall maintain safety zone and will also raise and maintain the plantation over an area. One and half times of the extent of the safety zone in degraded forest land elsewhere at the project cost.
6. Additional amount of Net Present Value (NPV) for the diverted forest land if any, due as per the orders of the Hon'ble Supreme Court dated 28.3.2008 and 9.5.2008 in IA Nos.826 in 566 with related IA's in Writ Petition (Civil) CAMPA in account number CA-1578 of Corporation Bank, Block-II, CGO Complex, Phase-I, Lodhi Road, new Delhi-110 003 under intimation to this office.
7. No excavation of pits/collection of materials will be allowed for construction of road from the forest land other than the width of the approach road applied with the project.
8. The mining shall be done as per the mining plan approved by IBM and in strict compliance of all relevant acts and rules.
9. Soil conservation measures shall be taken up at the cost of user agency.
10. The forest area shall be used for the purpose of mining, storage of materials and OB dumps only. No permanent buildings or labour sheds should be constructed in the leased area.
11. Reclamation plan shall be implemented by the user agency from the very first year of mining and an annual report shall be sent to the Nodal Officer, Andhra Pradesh and the Regional Office, Bangalore.
12. The consent of Andhra Pradesh Pollution Control Board (APPCB) shall be obtained under Air and Water Act before commencement of mining operations and it shall be renewed annually.
13. A comprehensive monitoring shall be done at the end of five years to study the impact of mining on the surrounding flora and fauna and its watershed. If it is found that the lessee has violated or is not complying with the stipulated conditions, then the approval given under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 shall be revoked.
14. GPS readings of the corner boundary points and a beat map on 1:10000 scale showing the diverted forest land shall be furnished to Regional Office, Bangalore.

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15. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed 5.00 ha. In case the land is not taken over by the user agency or the same is not used for the stipulated purpose within a period of two years, then the area shall be taken back by the Forest Department.

5. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad is directed to take further necessary action in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
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//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER